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To: Field Managers

From: Deputy State Director, Division of Resources

Subject: Off-Highway Vehicle Update

The purpose of this IB is to share some of the latest information concerning Off-Highway Vehicle Implementation in the Montana/Dakotas. Attached is a summary of the OHV Priority Planning Areas submitted by the field offices in December. An OHV Monitoring Evaluation conducted in October 2003, in conjunction with the Interagency OHV Implementation Team and the Custer National Forest, is being sent under separate cover (not available electronically).

Identifying the OHV priority areas by December 2003, was one of the first goals to reach after the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed. Field office staffs are to be commended for completing this first step on schedule. The next major commitment is to initiate planning for the high priority areas within 2 years of June 2003, and within 5 years of June 2003, for the moderate priority areas. Our challenge will be to complete travel planning along with our other priorities without additional funding.

The Custer National Forest monitoring report is provided for your information so you can get an idea of the type of information reviewed. Next year one national forest and one BLM office will participate in a monitoring evaluation which will be our first in BLM since our ROD was signed. Field offices will be contacted next fall for a recommendation. If you have any questions regarding this information or have OHV-related questions, please contact Richard Hopkins at 406-896-5037.

Signed by: Howard A. Lemm, DSD, Division of Resources
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1 Attachment

1-OHV Priority Planning Areas Table (2 pp in its entirety)

Separate Cover

Custer National Forest OHV Monitoring Trip Report (11 pp in its entirety)

Distribution w/Attn.

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Assistant Field Manager, Havre Field Station

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OHV PRIORITY PLANNING AREAS
JANUARY 2004

Field Office	Miles City	Malta	South Dakota	North Dakota	Billings	Dillon	Butte	Lewistown
# Of High Priority Areas	7	1	0	1	4	All FO	All FO	6
# Of Moderate Priority Areas	3	1	3	1	4			11

MILES CITY FIELD OFFICE

NORTH DAKOTA FIELD OFFICE

<u>High Priority Area Name</u>	<u>Moderate Priority Area Name</u>
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Knowlton	Hell Creek National Natural Landmark
Rattlesnake-Snow Creek	Strawberry Hill
Prairie County	Cedar Creek
Fox Creek	
Moorhead	
ACECs (14)	
Powder River Depot-Clypso	
Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail	
Bowman County (Big Gumbo)	Dunn County (Lost Bridge)

SOUTH DAKOTA FIELD OFFICE

<u>High Priority Area Name</u>	<u>Moderate Priority Area Name</u>
	Exemption Area
	Two Rivers
	Center of the Nation

BILLINGS FIELD OFFICE

<u>High Priority Area Name</u>	<u>Moderate Priority Area Name</u>
Shepherd Ah-Nei	Warren Hillclimbs
Acton	Cottonwood/Weatherman
Horse Thief	Grove Creek
Pryor Mountains	South Hills

MALTA FIELD OFFICE

<u>High Priority Area Name</u>	<u>Moderate Priority Area Name</u>
Little Rockies/Zortman-Landusky	Missouri Breaks- North of CMR Refuge

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LEWISTOWN FIELD OFFICE

<u>High Priority Area Name</u>	<u>Moderate Priority Area Name</u>
Judith/Moccasin	Judith Basin
Missouri Breaks National Monument	Little Snowies Foothills
Musselshell Breaks Watershed	Pike Creek
Sand Creek Watershed	Crooked/Antelope Creek
Ford's Creek Watershed	Great Falls Area
Dog Creek Watershed	Glaciated Plains – Choteau County
	Vimy
	Bear Paw to Breaks
	NW Blaine
	Sweetgrass Hills-Kevin
	Mud Creek

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